

QuidditchUK

Team UK Selection Process

AIMS OF SELECTION PROCESS:

1. Team UK is the best possible team competitively
2. Long term sustainable development of elite athletes with aspirations to play for the national team

PRINCIPLES:

1. Ultimate responsibility for all selection decisions rests with the Team UK Head Coach.
2. The Team UK Head Coach should consult the other coaches of Team UK Training and Expansion Squad when making decisions about rosters, and may delegate some decision-making to them.
3. The Team UK selection policy and criteria should be as transparent as possible in order to enable players, captains and coaches to understand what is required in order to work towards making the squad.

PROCESS:

1. All players who are interested in being scouted for either Training Squad or Expansion Squad are encouraged to fill out the Interest Form found available on the Team UK section of the QuidditchUK website.
2. All players who have filled out the Interest Form will be scouted by the Team UK Coaches as soon as possible, aiming for the next available QuidditchUK tournament.
3. Team UK Coaches will also scout any promising players present at QuidditchUK tournaments, regardless of if they have filled out the Interest Form.
4. When scouting, Team UK Coaches will assess each player against the Team UK Training and Expansion Squad Selection Criteria. Assessment will incorporate a player's current ability, but will also encompass other aspects as detailed in the criteria, including potential to improve and attitude to the sport.
5. Following each QuidditchUK tournament, Team UK will issue emails to everyone who has filled out the Interest Form, informing them of the outcome of the scouting.
6. After scouting the player, the coaches may invite them to join Expansion Squad, through which they will be invited to regular training sessions and become eligible for invitation to Training Squad.
7. If an invitation to join Expansion Squad is not issued, the player will have the opportunity to ask for specific feedback from the Team UK coaches and, if desired, the coaches will be able to give a realistic expectation of their likelihood for selection in future. The coaches may continue to talk with or scout players they believe to have potential, and the absence of an immediate call-up to Expansion Squad does not preclude the player's being invited to join in the near future. Players who are not invited immediately to join Expansion Squad do not need resubmit the Interest Form to be considered in future, although they are welcome to do so if they believe substantial changes in their game warrant re-assessment.
8. Team UK coaches make final decisions on selections. If there is disagreement, the Team UK Head Coach makes the final decision.
9. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, which will be decided by the Team UK Head Coach, invitations to Training Squad will only be given to players on Expansion Squad. Invitations could be for either a specific training session or a permanent call-up.
10. Player lists for both squads will be made available on the QuidditchUK website and updated regularly throughout the season.

TRAINING SQUAD SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Players must be able to perform and play at a high level and show an excellent level of fundamental skill within the game.
2. Players must show a good understanding of the mechanics of the game.
3. Players must show a good understanding of the tactics of the game used in both the UK and around the world or show an enthusiasm to learn them.
4. Players must show and maintain a good level of physical fitness and strive to make it better.
5. Players must show an outstanding attitude and commitment to the game with the focus of becoming the best athlete they can as well as supporting their team mates to do the same.
6. Players must show a selfless attitude towards the game and their team and understand that no player is bigger or more important than Team UK.
7. Players will be a good representative of quidditch within the United Kingdom in their attitude and approach to the community.
8. Players must be focused on achieving a squad space for European Games, World Cup or any other international tournaments.

EXPANSION SQUAD SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Players must show good fundamental game skills and a desire to improve these skills throughout the season.
2. Players must demonstrate game intelligence and the capacity to learn and adapt to new styles of play, both at a tactical level and in in-game situations. They will ideally show good foundational knowledge of tactics used within the UK and may show an understanding of advanced tactics or tactics used globally.
3. Players must show a good level of physical fitness and the motivation to improve it.
4. Coaches must believe that a player has the potential to reach the required standard to play for Team UK within a realistic timeframe.
5. Players must have an earnest desire to play for Team UK at a major tournament, and the desire to work with the coaching team towards that objective.
6. Players must be creative, enthusiastic, and show the drive, motivation and attitude to achieve training squad ability.
7. Players must have a positive attitude to the sport at the highest level, and be willing to both learn from and support the development of their fellow players, in addition to the coaching team.
8. Players should be willing to spend reasonable amounts of time outside of structured Expansion Squad or club sessions to improve their game, in terms of both fitness and physical development and studying the game.
9. Players must be flexible, and willing to utilise or work to develop skills and roles outside of their areas of immediate strength.